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Title: The Minister of State of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation laid a statement regarding status of implementation of the recommendations contained in 39th Report of Standing Committee on Finance on Demands for Grants (2006-07) pertaining to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): I beg to lay this statement on the implementation status of the recommendations contained in the Thirty Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance in pursuance of Direction 73-A of the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha.

The Standing Committee on Finance examined the Demand for Grants of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for the year 2006-07 and presented their Thirty Ninth Report to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on May 22, 2006. There are 09 recommendations made by the Committee in the said report where action is called for on the part of the Government. The major recommendations mainly relate to:

(i) Adherence to the laid down schedule for implementation of work on the remaining components of Tier-I of the India Statistical Strengthening Project so that Tier-II of the project takes off without further delay;

(ii) Undertaking Family Living Survey to enable revision of CPI (UNME) series;

(iii) Revision of wholesale price index(WPI) within a preÂdetermined time frame and release of new series of CPI(IW) on base 2001=100;

(iv) Pivotal role of the CSO in coordinating with the Ministries in the Central Govt., State Governments., and other Statistical Agencies for maintenance of quality of core statistics;

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(v) Apprising the Committee on the action taken on the Implementation of the recommendations of the COCSSO held in October, 2004 and holding of COCSSO annually;

(vi) Implementation of adequate measures for minimizing time and cost escalations in project implementation and operationalisation of OCMS;

The present status of implementation of the various recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in the Annexure to my statement which is laid on the Table of the House. I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out the contents of the Annexure. I would request that this may be considered as read.

...(*Interruptions*)

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